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Mysore Varsity confers Honorary Doctorates

Former DRDO Director General Dr. V.K. Aatre, folk singer M. Mahadevaswamy and Puneeth Rajkumar (posthumous)

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (RK&BCT)- The 102nd Convocation of University of Mysore (UoM) was held this morning at Crawford Hall. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot conferred Honorary Doctorates — Honoris Causa (D.Sc) — on former Director General of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) Dr. V.K. Aatre (Dr. Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre), renowned folk singer M. Mahadevaswamy and film actor late Puneeth Rajkumar (posthumous).

The degrees were conferred in the presence of Dr. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), Bengaluru, who delivered the Convocation address, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnana Prakash.

Puneeth Rajkumar's wife Ashwini received the honour on behalf of her late husband.

(See VARSITY on page 6)

*The University of Mysore (UoM) conferred Honorary Doctorates at Crawford Hall in city this morning. Sitting from left: **Folk singer M. Mahadevaswamy, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar (wife of late actor Puneeth Rajkumar) and former DRDO Director General Dr. V.K. Aatre are seen with** (standing from left) **UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, NAAC Director Dr. S.C. Sharma, UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnana Prakash and Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa.***

Ashwini announces two gold medals

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (RK&BCT)- Moments after receiving the Honorary Doctorate awarded posthumously to her husband Puneeth Rajkumar, his wife Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar announced two gold medals to be given by the University of Mysore. The medals will be given away next year in the name of Dr. Rajkumar's wife Parvathamma Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar. The announcement was made on behalf of Dr. Rajkumar family by Prof. C. Naganna, who was compering the Convocation proceedings.

While the gold medal in the name of Parvathamma Rajkumar will be given in the subject of Master of Business Management, the gold medal in the name of Puneeth Rajkumar will be given in Fine Arts subjects.

Elected as MRC Members

Vishnu Das

Sanjeev Basappa

Dr. Santhrupth

Dr. Sahas Nithyanand

Nikhil Reddy

Rajeev Krishnan

Swaroop Kumar

Vignesh

Mysuru, Mar. 22- The following eight candidates have been declared elected as the Members of Mysore Race Club (MRC) during the Membership elections held at MRC yesterday:

Vishnu Das V. Ranga - 185 votes; D. Sanjeev Basappa - 163; Dr. H.V. Santhrupth - 148; Dr. Sahas Nithyanand - 138; Nikhil Reddy - 133; Rajeev J. Krishnan - 133; N. Swaroop Kumar - 132 and M.M. Vignesh - 126.

Election was held between 10 am and 5.30 pm.

A total of 13 members had contested in the elections which was held for the 8 vacancies. A total of 209 ballot papers were polled.

NEP has become pride of the Nation: NAAC Director

Dr. S.C. Sharma delivering UoM Convocation address today.

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (RK&BCT)- In his Convocation address, Dr. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) advocated the National Education Policy (NEP) and said that NEP is the need of the hour and must be implemented to achieve a sea change in the field of education.

"Heritage gives a person an identity, it is ideology that defines a person and it is culture that gives him a personality. The good essences of heritage, ideology, culture of this land are combined in the NEP-2020. Connecting the deep roots, propelled by the modern science and technology, and reviving the knowledge traditions, NEP has become pride of the Nation, thereby it has fostered better accessibility and greater quality of education," he said.

(See NAAC on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 22nd March 2022

UoM to conduct summer coaching camp in sports from Mar. 30

Mysuru, Mar. 22- With an objective of promoting sports among young students and teenagers, the Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM), will be conducting a month-long summer coaching camp in various sporting events from Mar. 30 to Apr. 30.

Children in the age group of 8 to 15 years only can apply for Gymnastics coaching. In case of Shuttle Badminton, the age group is 12 to 16 years and for all other sporting events, the age group category is 10 to 18 years.

Eligible children can obtain the prescribed application forms from the University's PE Department Office located in Sports Pavilion, close to Crawford Hall.

Last date for submission of filled in forms is Mar.27. All the applicants are required to report to the concerned Coach at the Sports Pavilion at 7 am on Mar.30. Here is the list of the sporting events and the Coaches:

Athletics: M. Puneeth, B. Srikanth, Somashekar, T.S. Ravi and G.R. Prabhakar.

Shuttle Badminton: Lokesh, R. Kiran Kumar, D. Tulasidas and Nikhita.

Basketball: Rajeshraje Urs (BEML), Anand (KPTCL), A. Omprakash and Divyanand.

Cricket: Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Dr. H.S. Krishnakumar, K.N. Yogesh and A. Shashidhar.

Football: M. Shashwath, K. Gururaj, Pashupathi and D. Ramani.

Gymnastics: S. Vidwath, G.P. Murali, Raghavendra Aralikatte and Manjula.

Hockey: Ashok Y. Tupasundar.

Kabaddi: R. Ramesh, G. Geetha and Sundaresh.

Volleyball: S. Ramesh and Dr. M.B. Dharmesh.

Wrestling: L. Manjappa and Shankar Chakravarthy.

Yoga: B. Ravi and M.R. Kishore.

Karate: S. Deepak.

Swimming: Deepak Subbaraje Urs, L. Chandrashekar, Raveesh P. Swamy, Albert Sebastian, Manoj, Prabhuswamy, Channamalla Nayaka, Skanda R. Aswath, M.C. Prajwal and M.C. Pradhan Jain.

Kick-Boxing: S. Jaswanth and M.V. Karthik.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

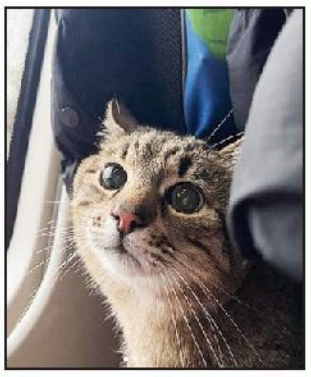
In those days, every Wednesday, famous radio anchor Ameen Sayani would present the Binaca Geetmala on Radio Ceylon at 8 pm. We used to have dinner and enjoy the music. I used to watch a minimum of two films a week, irrespective of language. The hostel was not just a place to stay and study. Ramaswamy, a keen cricket enthusiast, and a relative of legendary cricketer G.R. Vishwanath, took a lot of interest to arrange cricket matches among the inmates. There were ground-floor and first-floor teams. We used to have fun on the field playing cricket matches with the tennis balls. I represented the first-floor team with a spin attack. Once, my mother sent obbattu and other items through my friend who was on his way to Bombay by train. I had already told my friends about this. One of my friends at the hostel announced this to the hostelmates, standing in the quadrangle of our hostel.

On that particular day, I was at the Railway Station by 10 pm. After coming to know that the train was running late, and was expected to arrive at 12.30 midnight, I came back to the hostel. I reached the station again at 12 midnight, only to know the train had passed through at 11.30 pm. My friend did not find me on the platform.

On reaching Bombay, he promptly gave it to my cousin at Wadala. She was astonished to get a packet from my mother. She informed her father of staying at Bhadravati. A couple of days later, I got a letter from my uncle, with a word of caution: "The train will not wait for you, you have to wait for the train." From then on, I have never missed any train. — K.N. Subba Rao in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Internet star cat escapes from Ukraine



Kharkiv: Stepan, an internet-famous tabby cat who has more than a million followers on Instagram and Tik Tok, has escaped war-torn Ukraine.

The cat's social media pages went silent on Mar. 3, alarming his followers. Stepan's owner, known only as Anna, gave an update on Instagram this week on how they made it to safety following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Anna, her family and Stepan were able to escape with the help of The World Influencers and Bloggers Association. The organisation, who voted Stephan as one of the world's top pet influencers, was able help the family escape and rented an apartment in France for the famous tabby and his owners to stay in.

Biotech company offers money for poop

Arizona: Seres Therapeutics, a biotech company, has opened a donor collection facility to collect poop for cash in Arizona. The company operates GoodNature, which has set up shop in Tempe and is asking for donations of poop that can earn donors at least $25 and up to $75 per sample.

GoodNature is looking for healthy adults aged 18 to 50 and notes that donors can earn up to $1,500 a month in compensation. Potential donors need to have regular bowel movements, are of normal weight, don't smoke, are not pregnant, have no history of gastrointestinal disease or history of alcohol and drug abuse. Donors must also be able to donate poop three to four times a week at the collection site.

The poop is being collected to help lead to future developments in gastrointestinal infections and disorders.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Contrary to the popular belief, many kidneys' diseases are reversible with early detection and timely treatment.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrology & Transplant Physician
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Selected for Hadapada Award

Dr. Udayaraj Karpur

Pandit Ramesh Dhannur

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (SSM)- Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, will be conferring Pandit K.S. Hadapada Award on Dr. Udayaraj Karpur (tabla) of Bengaluru for the year 2020 and Pandit Ramesh Dhannur (tabla) of Mysuru for the year 2021.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and a citation. The awards will be presented at a programme to be held in memory of Pt. K.S. Hadapada at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Mar. 26 at 6 pm.

The awardees were selected by a Committee headed by Sabha Hon. President M.V. Ramaprasad with Dr. A.L. Desai, Pandit Allama Prabhu, Kadakola, Dr. Gurubasava Mahamane and Shantala Vattam as Committee Members, according to a press release from Sabha President Bheemashankar Bidanur.

REALLY...?

- *Chihuahuas are the smallest breed of dog in the world. They are usually between 6 to 9 inches tall.*
- *They believe they were domesticated from around 20,000 – 40,000 years ago! Dogs have 18 different muscles that they use just to move their ears.*
- *Scientists believe that dogs have been kept as pets for thousands of years.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Johnny: *Mom, I have good news and bad news. Which do you want to hear first?*
Johnny's Mom: *OK, let's hear the good news first.*
Little Johnny: *I got a 'B' in Math today.*
Johnny's Mom: *That's good! And now the bad one.*
Little Johnny: *That was a lie!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.30
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.80
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.90

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	MARCH 20	MARCH 21
Day's Positive Cases	4	0
Total Positive Cases	2,29,447	2,29,447
Day's Discharges	0	13
Total Discharges	2,26,847	2,26,860
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,558	2,558
Total Active Cases	42	29

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Piped Natural Gas to Mysuru: Implement soon

Sir,

Dr. Bhamy Shenoy has clearly dissected and addressed all the issues around supplying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in Mysuru starting from road-cutting *(SOM* dated Feb. 13).

It is reassuring that PNG is environmentally less harmful and safer for homes than LPG.

Piped metered gas supply to homes is especially convenient for senior citizens.

It is already being used in many parts of India including Bengaluru. I hope our elected leaders will look into the issue through a broader lens and support its early implementation.

—Usha Srinath
Saraswathipuram
14.3.2022

MP appeals Finance Ministry to grant funds for Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway

Pratap Simha

New Delhi, Mar.22- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has appealed the Union Finance Ministry to grant funds for Mysuru-Kushalangar Highway that is estimated to cost Rs.4,000 crore.

Speaking at the Parliament yesterday, Simha heaped praises on Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, who he said was working tirelessly for making India, a country with one of the best road networks in the entire world.

Pointing out that the Union Government has sanctioned 24 major Highway projects in Karnataka since 2014-15 costing a total of Rs.26,254 crore, he said that the State has got approval for Highway networks covering a distance of 7,652 kms. Works on 499 kms of Highways has been completed at a cost of Rs.18,368 crore in 2021-22, he added.

Recalling that Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Mysuru on Feb.19, 2018, had announced that the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway will be converted to a 10-lane Highway at a cost of Rs.6,400 crore, Simha said that the project cost has now been revised at Rs. 9,500 crore.

Thanking Union Minister Gadkari for sanctioning Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway, Simha said that the tender for the Rs.4,000 crore project has already been invited and the Union Finance Ministry should give its approval for the project.

Continuing, the MP said that Gadkari has also approved upgradation of 43.5 km long Mysuru Ring Road, for which Rs.160 crore has been sanctioned. Pointing out that the upgradation will include construction of 7 Over-bridge and Under-bridges, he said he would thank the Union Minister for the sanction.

Stating that although the works on National Highway-212 that connects Mysuru with Kerala has been completed in 2017 itself, land acquisition compensation of Rs.200 crore is yet to be released, he appealed the Union Government to release pending grants.

Simha also brought to the notice of the Union Minister the incompletion of concretisation works on 45-km Hassan-Maranahalli road. Maintaining that the contractor backed out of the works as the District Administration had not issued Quarry licence, he urged the Government to look into the matter.

Charging the officials of laxity in the execution of Highway projects, Simha said that only Rs.2,014 crore out of the released Rs.4,277 crore (2021-22) has been utilised so far, which highlights official apathy.

State Colleges to make room for Ukraine medical students

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, Mar. 22 (KMS & BCT)- The State Government will facilitate continuation of education of about 700 medical students of Karnataka, who have returned from war-torn Ukraine, in 60 Medical Colleges. This decision was announced after a meeting between Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar and the students at Vidhana Soudha yesterday.

The Minister clarified that the students will not be officially absorbed into the Colleges. "This measure is aimed to ensure that their learning and practice is continued till a solution is found. No additional fee will be charged to the students," he said.

A high-level committee has been formed comprising Principal Secretary of Medical Education Department, Director of Medical Education, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Directors and Deans of some Medical Colleges to look into all aspects considering the academic future of the students, he said.

The Committee will submit a report to the State Government and based on it, the Government will request the National Medical Commission (NMC) and Union Government to take necessary measures to protect the future of the students. During the meeting, students shared their concerns with the Minister, who assured them that the Government will take the best possible decision within the existing legal and regulatory framework.

Meanwhile in Haveri, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the Government plans to categorise Medical Colleges as A, B and C categories on the basis of the facilities extended by them.

"As the cost of management quota seats is pretty high, our students are looking at alternate proposals to study medicine and are flying abroad. We are considering a proposal to reduce the fees on the basis of the categories of the Colleges. The Medical Council of India decides on the issues related to the medical courses and a reconsideration is on in this regard," he said.

Hunsur Regional Forest Division gets first woman DCF

***DCF P.A. Seema** (extreme right) being greeted by ACF Anitha as RFOs Nandakumar and Rathan look on.*

Hunsur, Mar. 22 (Raghu&KS)- The Forest Department has appointed a woman as the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) of Hunsur Regional Forest Division. It is for the first time in 40 years that a woman officer has been appointed as the DCF here.

The lady officer, who is newly appointed, is P.A. Seema, a native of Kodagu, who was earlier serving as the Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) at Madikeri Forest Mobile Squad.

Seema, who took charge as the new DCF yesterday, was greeted by ACF Anitha, Range Forest Officers (RFOs) Nandakumar and Rathan.

Fourth COVID wave predicted in August: Health Minister

Bengaluru, Mar. 22 (KMS & BCT)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that the fourth wave of COVID-19 in the country has been predicted in the month of August.

Responding to a question by BJP MLC Shashil Namoshi during the Zero Hour in the Assembly yesterday, Dr. Sudhakar said it would be made mandatory to wear masks at indoor facilities. A decision would be taken in this regard after holding a meeting with CM Basavaraj Bommai.

Insisting that the COVID protocol had to be followed, the Minister said that the variant BA.2 that was first detected in the Philippines had been reported in 40 countries so far. The mathematical calculations of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur have also predicted peaking of the fourth wave in August, he said.

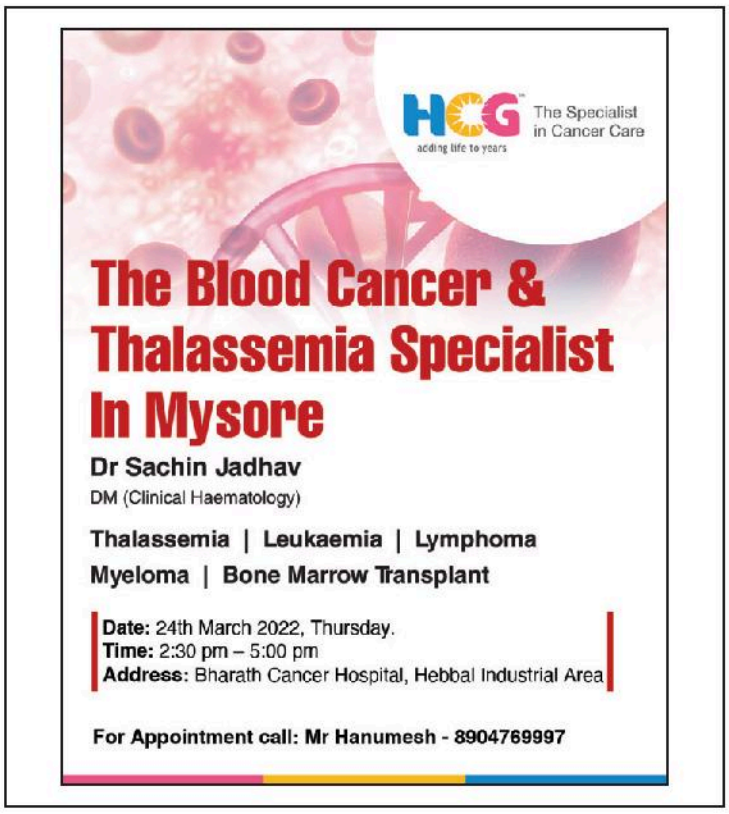
Dr. Sudhakar stated that there is no need for the people to panic even if the fourth wave surfaces as vaccination drives had been effectively conducted in the State. As many as 10.25 crore doses of vaccinations and booster doses have also been given. Adding to this, the parents would be convinced on vaccinating the children above the age of 12 years, he added.

Coaching for IAS, KAS from Mar. 23

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (TRR)- Jnanabuthi will be conducting a 50-day coaching class for IAS and KAS exams from Mar. 23 from 6 pm at its premises in Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College, on JLB Road.

Prof. H.M. Rajashekar, Department of Political Science, Mysore University, will preside.

Mandya Additional DC V.R. Shylaja and District Planning Officer at Mysuru DC's Office Asad Rehman Shariff will interact with the aspirants. Siddarthanagar Government College Associate Professor and State Competitive Examinations Resource Person of Government First Grade College Prof. K.M. Prassanna Kumar will deliver a talk.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NEWS BRIEFS

World Water Day

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, has organised World Water Day-2022 celebration with the theme 'Ground Water: Making the invisible visible' today (Mar. 22) at 6 pm in S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises in city. Prof. Balasubramanyam of Centre for Advanced Studies in Earth Science will be the guest speaker. Shanakare Gowda, Chief Engineer, CNNL, Irrigation South, Mysuru and B.S. Prabhakara, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. H.S. Suresh Babu (Hon. Secretary, IEI Mysuru) and N.S. Mahadevaswamy are the programme conveners.

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up emergency maintenance work at 66/11 KV South Power Distribution Centre between 10 am and 4 pm tomorrow (Mar. 23), power supply will be disrupted in the following areas during the said period: Srirampura 2nd Stage, Ramabainagar, Mahadevapura, Shivapura, Parasaiahnahundi, Gorur village, Kalalavadi, Kotehundi, Rayanakere and surrounding areas.

Coaching

The KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Mysuru, has invited applications from interested candidates for admission to coaching classes for IAS, IPS exams to be conducted by UPSC and KAS exam by KPSC. Interested aspirants can register at the Centre's office in Mukthagangothri, before Mar. 29 on all working days between 10 am and 5 pm. [Ph: 0821-2515944]

Man kills pregnant wife, dumps body in lake

Uses Govt. car to transport body; Deceased was seven months pregnant; Accused husband arrested; Hunt on for absconding in-laws

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (RK&KS)- An outsourced employee of the Agriculture Department has allegedly murdered his seven months pregnant wife by assaulting her physically and later suffocating her to death on Friday night.

He later took the body in the Department car and dumped it into Belavadi Lake.

The deceased has been identified as Ashwini (23), daughter of Swamy and Lakshmi couple of Udbur village in the taluk. Ashwini had married one Pramod, son of Nandeesh of Mydanahalli after they had fallen in love.

An outsourced car driver at the Agriculture Department, Pramod had married Ashwini on June 13, 2021. Everything was running smooth initially in their family and Pramod was taking good care of Ashwini. As days passed by, Pramod, encouraged by his family members, began to harass Ashwini and used to pressurise her to get money from her parents' house. He had also taken away the gold jewellery of his wife and had pledged them, according to the complaint.

Later, Ashwini's parents brought them to their house at Nanneshwara Layout in Hinkal and made arrangements for their (daughter and son-in-law) stay. Here too Pramod began to harass her and on Friday night, he (Pramod) assaulted Ashwini and suffocated her to death.

He later took the body of Ashwini in the Department car, dumped it into the lake at Belavadi, returned home and went to work the next day.

Picture taken during the wedding of Ashwini and Pramod.

Pre-planned...

After assaulting Ashwini and suffocating her to death, Pramod, who had brought the Department car to his house, took the body in the Government car and dumped the body into the lake in Belavadi.

The Police, who arrested Pramod after he revealed of committing the crime, was subjected to interrogation during which the Cops came to know that as Pramod had planned the crime, he had brought the Agriculture Department car to his house to shift the body elsewhere.

But on Sunday afternoon, Pramod went to Vijayanagar Police Station and informed the Police about the incident.

The Cops later took Pramod to Belavadi Lake and with the help of expert divers and Fire & Emergency Services personnel, got the body of Ashwini fished out from the lake at about 4 pm yesterday.

Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case, arrested Pramod and are on a look out for his father, mother and sister, who are absconding.

The Police, after conducting Mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. Ashwini, who used to call her parents everyday had not called them the entire day on Saturday, which gave rise to doubts. Even calls made by Ashwini's parents to her phone did not connect, following which they went to her house.

As Ashwini was not at her in-law's house and no one gave proper information about her, Ashwini's sister Yashaswini had lodged a missing complaint at Vijayanagar Police Station on Saturday.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying sick near Brahmarambha Kalyana Mantap in Srirampura on Feb. 19 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has breathed his last on Mar. 18 at about 11.40 am at the hospital.

The deceased is 5.4 ft. tall, aged about 40 years, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, has the names 'S. Jyothi, Chikkaswamy' tattooed on his left hand and 'Doddashetty, Siddamma, Rani' on his right hand and has a mole on the left side of his chest.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Kuvempunagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418324 or contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	109.48	feet
Yesterday	:	109.83	feet
Inflow	:	201	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,065	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,270.75	feet
Inflow	:	360	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,848.78	feet
Inflow	:	15	cusecs
Outflow	:	60	cusecs

Post ACB raid: Vijayanagar Inspector Balakrishna suspended

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (SBD&KS)- Following the raid on Vijayanagar Inspector H.N. Balakrishna's house by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on Mar. 16 and following orders from the State Police Headquarters, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has issued an order suspending Inspector Balakrishna with immediate effect from Tuesday.

Balakrishna

Following the suspension of Balakrishna, Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station Inspector Jayakumar has been given additional charge of Vijayanagar Police Station.

The ACB Police, who had registered a case against Inspector Balakrishna for amassing properties more than his income, had conducted raids on his house on Mar. 16. They (ACB) had also raided the rented house at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in Mysuru, his father's and father-in-law's house at Holenarasipur in Hassan and had conducted a search.

During the raid on Balakrishna's house in city, the ACB sleuths had found Rs. 10,000 cash and at the house in Holenarasipur, they found Rs. 50,000 cash, 150 grams gold ornaments, 1 kg silver articles and documents pertaining to one huge building, two sites and 10 gunta land at Channarayapatna and a site in Mysuru.

Charter Nite of Lions Midtown

The beneficiaries of push carts — Manjunath and Lalitha — are seen with Ln. Halappa, District Cabinet Treasurer Ln. Srinivas, Ln. Uday Kumar, District Cabinet Secretary Ln. Dr. Sundara Murthy, District Governor Ln. Dr Prabha Murthy, Club President Ln. Pradeep, Secretary Ln. Rajanikanth, Ln. Kiran, Ln. Chandrahas, Ln. Gopalswamy, Ln. Shreyams Kumar, Ln. Vedamurthy and Ln. Nataraj.

Mysuru, Mar. 22- The 34th Charter Nite Celebrations of Lions Club of Mysore Midtown was held recently at a Hotel on Hunsur Road here.

As part of their service activity, two hand push carts worth Rs. 40,000 were donated to the needy vendors.

With the donation of these two push carts, the Club has totally donated ten push-carts.

UoM to host 3-day Natl. Conference of Vice-Chancellors from tomorrow

University of Mysore Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar addressing a press conference at Crawford Hall yesterday as (from left) Association of Indian Universities President Dr. G. Thiruvasagam, Secretary General Dr. Pankaj Mittal and UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (MK&BCT)- A Three-Day National Conference of Vice-Chancellors will begin at the University of Mysore (UoM) from tomorrow, Mar. 23 and it will be the 95th annual meet. The meet is being held in Karnataka after a gap of nearly two decades and the University of Mysore will host the National Conference for the first time.

The conference will be hosted in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with the support of the United Nations. The theme of the conference is 'Realising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through higher education institutions.'

Addressing a press conference at Crawford Hall Academic Council Hall last evening, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, flanked by AIU President Dr. G. Thiruvasagam, AIU Secretary General Dr. Pankaj Mittal and Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, said that over 300 Vice-Chancellors from across the country will participate.

"Over 150 VCs will participate through virtual mode and the **conference will be inaugurated at 9.30 am at the Crawford Hall by Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot.** While the Governor will be physically present, the **Vice-President will address the conference virtually. The sessions of the conference will be held at Vijnan Bhavan**," he said.

The AIU is a registered body to promote and represent higher education in Indian universities on national and international forums as it aims to improve standards of instruction, examination, research, textbooks, scholarly publication, etc.

AIU President G. Thiruvasagam said that the conference will discuss the requirements of VCs, issues and challenges and all the aspects of the offices of the VCs. "After brainstorming sessions, we will prepare recommendations that will be submitted to concerned bodies like the University Grants Commission and the Government," he said.

One burning problem faced by all Vice-Chancellors is the lack of uniform tenure. While one State has the VC's term at 2 years, others have it for five years and four years. We are pressing for a uniform tenure across India. This will help in stability and will enable the VCs to function better," he said.

To a query, Thiruvasagam said that it was a fact that the people of economically weaker sections are going to countries like Ukraine and Philippines as medical education is cheaper there.

"Medical education in private institutions in India is expensive and the government must review the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). The Government must exercise control over private institutions so that ultimately the students will benefit," he added.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The main theme of the National VCs Conference is: 'Realising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through higher education institutions.'

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- 'Realising SDGs through higher education institutions for Ensuring Equality and Sustainable Society'
- 'Realising SDGs through higher education institutions for Promoting Industrialisation, Employment, Peace, Partnership and Prosperity'
- 'Realising SDGs through higher education institutions for Clean Energy for Creating Ecosystem'
- `Realising SDGs through higher education institutions for Securing Basic Essentials of well-being'
- 'Realising SDGs through higher education institutions for Ensuring Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education'

NEP to be a prominent debate topic at the meet

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (MK&BCT)- The National Education Policy (NEP) and its implementation across all Universities will figure prominently at the three-day National Conference of Vice-Chancellors which will begin at the University of Mysore from tomorrow.

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) President Dr. G. Thiruvasagam told reporters that three States — West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala — have not implemented NEP. "The expert committee formed by the AIU to elicit opinions from Vice-Chancellors on the implementation of the NEP will submit its report to the Ministry of Education in April on the implementation. The AIU prepared a questionnaire and circulated it among all the VCs of 1,000-plus Universities in all States," he said.

Listing certain drawbacks on the NEP implementation, he said that there were no guidelines on NEP's implementation either from the Government or from the UGC and sought clarity from the UGC on this issue. "In the absence of the guidelines and rulebook, the onus of NEP implementation is on the Vice-Chancellors. While some Universities have started implementing NEP, many Universities are looking for clarity," he said.

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) are grading the Universities keeping in focus the NEP. "Over 40 questions are included in the manual for the Universities' assessment which attracts 100 marks. The Universities are losing marks as they need time and questions on NEP for assessment may affect grades of the Universities," he said.

Dr. Thiruvasagam demanded that NAAC and NIRF should not include questions on NEP for the assessment until clarity and guidelines are obtained. He also said that COVID had forced zero activity in the Universities for two years. "In the five-year assessment, the NAAC and NIRF must take this COVID-induced zero activity into consideration and give leeway," he said.

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Mysore Varsity confers Honorary Doctorates

Dr. Rajkumar family members seen seated in the front row during the Annual Convocation of Mysore University at Crawford Hall in city this morning.

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It was an emotional moment for Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar as she climbed the stage along with other dignitaries. Thespian Dr. Rajkumar's family including his son Raghavendra Rajkumar, Puneeth Rajkumar's daughter Vanditha and several other family members were present at the hall. All of them were seated in the front row.

Wearing the traditional dresses and the Mysore Peta, the guests led the Doctorate awardees onto the stage and the recipients were introduced one by one with their photos displayed on the LED screen. As Puneeth Rajkumar's name was called out, the Crawford Hall reverberated with claps, whistles and loud cheers.

As the late actor's profile was read and his movie clips were shown on the screen with his famous dialogues and dance moves, Ashwini became emotional and the deafening cheers made each member of the audience recall the contributions of the late actor at such a young age, be it to the cinema field or charity.

Puneeth Rajkumar is the second personality after late Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji to get the Doctorate degree posthumously. Incidentally, about 46 years ago (Feb. 8, 1976), the University of Mysore had conferred honorary doctorate on Puneeth's father. Dr. Rajkumar was 46 years old when he received the Hon. Doctorate and now after a gap of 46 years, his late actor-son, who died at the age of 46, received the honour posthumously.

Dr. V.K. Aatre rose to become the head of the country's top most Defence organisation — DRDO — and he also served as a Scientific Advisor to the then Defence Minister George Fernandes. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2000.

M. Mahadevaswamy, who was born at Krishnapura in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district in 1959, is an acclaimed folk singer, having performed at various national and international stages. He is one of the famed singers of Lord Manteswamy's life history.

After receiving the Honorary Doctorates, Puneeth Rajkumar's wife Ashwini did not address the audience. Instead, Puneeth's brother Raghavendra Rajkumar spoke where he recalled Puneeth as a 9-month-old baby when Dr. Rajkumar was given the Doctorate in 1976.

"This is a unique, momentous and emotional occasion for all of us and our family considers the University of Mysore as a temple. Puneeth and Dr. Rajkumar firmly believed that if there is dedication in work, awards and recognitions would come automatically. We would like to continue the family's service to the masses," he added.

Receiving the honour, Dr. Aatre said that the honour has a special place in his heart. "Universities must encourage scientific education so that the scientific spirit is kindled in every student. This will enable India to leap into more areas of science and technology and also defence," he said.

On his part, Mahadevaswamy, turning emotional, said that he would dedicate the doctorate to Dr. Rajkumar. "I grew up seeing his movies and all of them had a social message. I came from a humble background and today I am in front of you getting a doctorate," he said.

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar being led at the Crawford Hall to receive the Honorary Doctorate on behalf of her late actor-husband Puneeth Rajkumar.

Folk singer Mahadevaswamy's mother Sobane Gowramma became emotional during the Convocation event.

102nd Convocation of University of Mysore

Thus spake Gold Medallists

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **G.M. Bhavana, P. Mahadevaswamy, Ganesh Nadig, Shanet Ann Jose, V. Tejaswini, Lamya Majid, V.D. Latha and K.S. Namitha Jois.

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (MTY&DM)- Soon after receiving gold medals and cash prizes, some of the medallists spoke to *Star of Mysore* and shared their happiness.

G.M. Bhavana, who bagged 19 medals and 2 cash prizes in M.Sc (Chemistry), said that she is extremely delighted for bagging the medals. Pointing out that she could excel in the exams as she prepared with total confidence with a set objective, which she eventually succeeded in bagging the top rank, she said that though she did not study much at the start of the course, she accelerated her studies as the exam started, which proved fruitful.

Telling about her future plans, she said that she wants to appear for Civil Service exams. Taking up a lecturer post is also one of her options for now, she added.

Bhavana, a native of a village in K.R. Pet taluk of Mandya district, is the daughter of G.M. Mahadeva, a Civil Contractor and Bhagya couple.

P. Mahadevaswamy, who bagged 14 medals and 3 cash prizes in MA Kannada, pursued his studies at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Post-Graduate Centre at Chamarajanagar. A native of Nagavalli in Chamarajanagar taluk, he is the son of late Puttabasavaiah and Nagamma couple.

Speaking to *SOM,* Mahadevaswamy said that he lost his father at an young age and his mother brought him up by working as a labourer. Stating that he worked as a mason and a painter during his spare time in order to earn some money for meeting his educational expenses, Mahadevaswamy said that he dedicates all his academic achievements to his teachers and all others who helped him in his studies. About his future plans, he said that he would appear for competitive exams and Civil Service exams and at the same time, try for finding a good job.

V. Tejaswini, who bagged 9 medals and 10 cash prizes in BA, studied at Maharani's Arts College for Women, staying at the College Hostel. She lost her parents at an young age.

Speaking to *SOM,* Tejaswini said that though she is glad to receive so many medals and prizes, she is less fortunate as she lost her mother when she was a child and her father on the day when she had appeared for second PU exam at her native place Malavalli.

Pointing out that she became a topper of PU exams in Malavalli taluk and the Government gifted her a laptop for her feat, she said that she is always grateful and thankful for her elder sister, friends and all other well-wishers who helped her financially during her degree studies. She is particularly happy with her feat as she could over come the loss of her parents and study by staying in hostels for most part of her life. She wants to do her Post-Graduation and pursue a career later on, she added.

Sayed Qudrat Hashimy, the lone student from Afghanistan to become a topper, bagged 2 medals and 2 cash prizes for topping the LLM exam, studying at the University's Department of Law in Manasagangothri.

Speaking to *SOM,* Hashimy said that even as he was studying his Masters Degree in Law, the Taliban took control of his country Afghanistan, following which his family was devastated in his trouble-torn country. But despite the troubles in his home country, he pursued his studies with dedication and determination with help from his friends and well-wishers.

Thanking the Indian Government, the University authorities and the Mysuru Police for their unstinted support during his troubled times, he said that he would always be grateful and thankful for all those who helped in many ways during his stay in Mysuru. "I would help the terror victims of strife ravaged Afghanistan by the medals and prizes that I have now got," he said adding that he would do whatever he can for the development of his country and countrymen.

G.M. Bhavana, who bagged 19 medals and 2 cash prizes in M.Sc (Chemistry), along with her parents G.M. Mahadeva and Bhagya, posing with medals she received at the UoM Convocation this morning. Picture right shows P. Mahadevaswamy, who bagged 14 medals and 3 cash prizes in MA Kannada, showing his prized possession to his mother Nagamma.

NEP has become pride of the Nation: NAAC Director

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Understanding the spirit of nationalism right from the childhood is the most precise form of education and we are on the threshold of paradigm shift where our education system now identifies, nurtures and nourishes scientific temper apart from promoting interdisciplinary studies and promotion of Indian languages amongst its citizens which are contributing factors in nation building, Dr. Sharma said.

The uniqueness of NEP is its commitment in conserving empathy, pluralism, equality and fraternity among citizens which are Constitutional values. It is the cultural fabric which knits us strongly — our art, literature, music, cuisine — are the outcome of our culture, he added.

NEP imparts value-based education to enable students to attain a true sense of human character and acquire intellectual balance from the background of culture in consonance with the vision of the University or a College and these noble ideals are tempered and purified by the empathy and understanding of their fellowmen.

"Right from the beginning it gives impetus for critical thinking and analysis in education which is the inner spirit of NEP. Learning to think creatively will make a great difference in personal and professional life," he opined.

World Sparrow Day at RMNH

Sparrows are indicators of environment conservation: Dr. T. Thippeswamy

Prizes distributed to winners of drawing and painting contest

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (PM&SSM)- Mysore Science Foundation (MSF) and Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Mysuru, had jointly organised a drawing competition for children to mark 'World Sparrow Day' at RMNH premises on T.N. Pur Road in Siddarthanagar here on Sunday.

Over 400 children from across the district took part in the contest held in three categories —1st to 4th std; 5th to 8th std. and 9th to 12th std. — with the theme 'Sparrow - The missing bird of the house.' Winners were awarded cash prizes — First (Rs. 1,000), Second (Rs. 500) and consolation (Drawing kit).

Prize winners

1st to 4th std: Vedashri Valimbe (first); S. Kshith (second); Manasi, Lekhasiri M. Gowda, Atharva Adarsha, M. Pranathi and Harshika (consolation).

5th to 8th std: G. Tanmay (first); J.S. Ruchira (second); M.A. Ankitha, S. Vaishnavi, S. Preethi, M. Aravind Acharya and S. Harikrishna (consolation).

9th to 12 std: Sanvi Harish (first); M.R. Bhoomika (second); S. Ullas Gowda (consolation).

Speaking after distributing prizes, senior Scientist and Distinguished Patron of Mysore Science Foundation, Dr. T. Thippeswamy said, "Sparrows aid in the conservation of environment. Its presence in the ecosystem is an indication of balanced biodiversity. In the name of urbanisation and development, trees and plants are being chopped down which has resulted in a decline in the sparrow population and are now on the verge of extinction."

Pointing out that countries like Japan and Australia give more prominence for the conservation of biodiversity, he said that the sparrow population in those countries was more than in India.

RMNH Teacher Coordinator B.S. Yogendra said "Sparrows which are also commonly called as house sparrows used to reside in colonies in almost every house. But now, these birds can be seen rarely. This is due to increase in urbanisation and modern lifestyle. Every one of us is either directly or indirectly involved in its absence."

"Steps must be taken to create awareness among people to conserve sparrows. Increase in buildings, mobile towers, chemical agri fields are the main reasons for its absence," he added.

RMNH chief and Scientist Dr. A.P. Tiwari presided. MSF Vice-President Dr. T. Shivalingaswamy, Drawing Teacher H.V. Muralidhara and others were present.

Intl. Symposium on Applications and

Innovations with Intelligent Systems held

Mysuru, Mar. 22- The Department of Computer Science, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, had organised a two-day International Symposium on "Applications and Innovations with Intelligent Systems" on Mar.11 and 12 at its premises in Bogadi II Stage.

Anand Subramanian, Vice-President, Theorem India, seen addressing the students at Amrita, Mysuru.

The event was inaugurated by Anand Subramanian, Vice-President, Theorem India.

In his inaugural address, Anand emphasised on the use of technology for digital learning to enhance the quality of education which would help solve the real-life problems by developing substantial solutions. He also related the importance of blending theoretical intelligence with digital intelligence for effectively marketing the products.

Technical talks such as "Machine Vision in Industrial Automation" by Dr. Jayavardhana Gubbi, Senior Scientist, TCS Research, Bengaluru; "Explainable AI" by Dr. Deepak Garg, Dean, School of Computer Science & Engineering, Bennet University, USA; "Artificial Intelligence in IOT" by Dr. Anand Nayyar, Professor, Research & Scientist, Duy Tan University, Da Nang, Vietnam; "Zero Shot Learning" by Dr. Vinay Kumar Varma, Duke University, USA; "Computational Models of Language: Challenges from a Cognitive Perspective" by Dr. Sutanu Chakraborti, Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Madras and "Object Detection using CNN" by Dr. Mahamad Suhil, Technical Manager AI/ML, Standard Chartered Bank, Bengaluru, were organised.

Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Mysuru Campus, presided. Br. Mukthidamrita Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, Adwitiya Mukhopadhyay, Organising Chair and Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, students and staff were present on the occasion.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 22- **T. Kishan Rao** has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Modelling of Vertical Seismic Profiles as Three Dimensional Images and Extraction of Subsurface Truth Using Morphological Filters' submitted under the guidance of Dr. E.G. Rajan.

B.R. Jagannatha has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for his thesis 'Kaduru Talukina Devalayagala Kale mattu Vastushilpa — Ondu Samskruthika Adhyayana' [Guide:Dr. C.E. Lokesha].

N. Manjunath has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Kengeri: Samskruthika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. M.G. Manjunatha].

Syeda Hajira Banu has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by the UoM for her thesis 'Structure-function studies of biologically active peptides' [Guide: Dr. M. Chethan Kumar].

Shafiya Farhin has been awarded Ph.D in Hindi by the UoM for her thesis 'Ekkisvi Sadi Ke Pramukh Hindi Upanyason Mein Vividh Vimarsh' [Guide: Dr. Pratibha Mudliar].

P. Maliyaiah has been awarded Ph.D in Linguistics by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Telugu Shettara Kannada - Bhashika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. G. Vijayasarathi].

Sumithramma has been awarded Ph.D in Education by the UoM for her thesis 'Effect of Environmental Education Package on Environmental Awareness, Environmental Ethics and Environmental Behaviour among Secondary School Students' [Guide: Dr. G. Sheela].

B. Gowri has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for her thesis 'Koravangala mattu Hullekereya Devalayagalu — Ondu Samskruthika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. C.E. Lokesha].

Puttaswamy has been awarded Ph.D in Philosophy by the UoM for his thesis 'Concept of Ideal State from Gandhiji's Perspective: A Philosophical Study' [Guide: Dr. M. Daniel].

M. Shivakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Information Seeking and Searching Behaviour of Faculty Members in Web Environment: A Study of Engineering Colleges in Mysuru Region' [Guide: Dr. Mallinath Kumbar].

R. Venkatesh has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis 'Performance Evaluation of Logistics Management in Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.' [Guide: Dr. H. Nanjegowda].

C. Kumara Swamy has been awarded Ph.D in Ambedkar Studies by the UoM for his thesis 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Abhivrudhi Nigamada Vanijya Yojanegala Vimarshathmaka Adhyayana (Chamarajanagara Jilleyannu Anulakshisi 2005-2015)' [Guide: Dr. J. Somashekar].

M. Mahadevamurthy has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Biligiriranga Bettada Aranya Janapada' [Guide: Dr. Vasudevamurthy].

K. Kailasamurthy has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'T. Narasipura Talukina Krishi Mahila Janapada' [Guide: Dr. Vasudevamurthy].

S. Basavanna has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the UoM for his thesis 'Chamarajanagara Jilleya Chammararu: Janapadhiya Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. M. Nanjaiah Honganuru].

H. Kiran Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Crystal Structure Studies of Some Piperazine and Pyrazole Derivatives' [Guide: Dr. H.S. Yathirajan].

'Bahuroopi Rangotsava a huge success'

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa addressing a press meet at Rangayana premises in city yesterday as Dy. Director Nirmala Mathapati & Bahuroopi Convenor Anju Singh look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (PM&DM)- With the ten-day Bahuroopi Raashtriya Rangotsava (National Theatre Festival) successfully concluding on Sunday, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa on Monday said that the event has been considered as 'The best' by the people when compared to previous editions of Bahuroopi.

Addressing a press meet at Rangayana premises here yesterday, Cariappa said that with the astounding success of Bahuroopi with the theme 'Mother', the responsibility of Rangayana has increased.

Noting that giving importance even for minute activities has been the main reason for the success of the event, Cariappa said that artistes and staff of Rangayana played a crucial role in the success, for which they should be thanked.

Pointing out that the Theatre Festival with the theme 'Mother' was unique in nature this time, the Rangayana Director opined that Bahuroopi is beyond all ideologies. Stating that the entire team of Rangayana worked with a sportsmanlike spirit for the success of the event, he said that more than 65,000 people from across the State and the country attended the 10-day event.

Asserting that the entire Rangayana premises was kept clean during the event by strictly sticking on to the slogan 'Swachha Bahuroopi-Hasiru Bahuroopi', Cariappa said that the Rangayana premises was designed by CAVA and the theatre repertory students under the guidance of Rangayana staff Dwarakanath.

The Rangayana Director further said that Bahuroopi Rangotsava will be made into a documentary by using the videographs and photographs that were captured during the 10-day event.

Pointing out that the just concluded Bahuroopi Raashtriya Rangotsava was Bahuroopi-2021 Festival as the event which was earlier scheduled to take place in 2021 had to be postponed due to COVID pandemic, Cariappa said that Bahuroopi-2022 will be organised at the end of the year, adding that the theme for the 2022 Festival has not yet been decided.

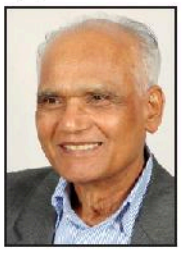
Plays alone earned Rs. 5 lakh revenue

Cariappa said that the Rangayana earned a total revenue of about Rs. 9 lakh, with gate collection from plays alone accounting for Rs. 5 lakh. Pointing out that the ticket for plays was priced at Rs. 100 per head, he said that the event also featured many stalls selling books, handicrafts, food items and other articles, which augmented the income other than that from plays.

He pointed out that plays such as 'Matte Mukhyamantri', 'Kamaroopigal', 'The Square Root of Sonnet', 'Mr. Bogis' etc., ran to full houses. The Government had sanctioned Rs. 50 lakh for the theatre festival and all the theatre troupes which took part in the event were paid Rs. 50,000 each, he added.

Staging of *Parva* from Apr. 9

Cariappa said that Rangayana will resume performance of acclaimed writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's 'Parva' popular play by staging the play at Davanagere on Apr. 9 and 10. Announcing that 'Parva' Rangapravasa will feature enactment of the play in about 12 places across the State, starting from Davanagere, he said that the play will be staged nationally after May with performances in cities such as Mumbai, Nagpur, Bhopal, Chandigarh and Delhi.



Dr. Bhyrappa

The Rangayana is preparing to conduct a 'Girijanotsava' before Apr. 9, ahead of the resumption of Parva play, he added.

Niranthara Theatre Festival in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 22- Niranthara Theatre Festival 2021-22 has been organised at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar here from March 23 to 27 by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, in collaboration with the Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru.

Eminent theatre troupes and performers from across the State will be performing in this Festival.

Popular Kannada poet H.S. Shivaprakash will inaugurate the programme on Mar. 23 at 5.30 pm. As part of the inauguration, folklore group will perform Puja Kunitha on the same evening.

Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited Managing Director Manoj Kumar, Income Tax Department Commissioner Jayaram Raipur and Theatre Director Prasad Kundoor will be the chief guests at the event. At the end of the programme, **'Varasudaara,'** a Kannada play which is penned by Jayaram Raipur and directed by Prasad Kundoor will be staged.

On March 24 at 6.45 pm, Prof. K.C. Basavaraju, retd. Professor, Manasagangothri, will be the guest and the same day, Drushyakavya, a Bengaluru-based amateur theatre troupe, will perform the play **'Maayaa Bete'** directed by C. Nanjundegowda and penned by eminent playwright K.Y. Narayanaswamy.

On March 25 at 6.45 pm, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Kannada and Culture, will be the chief guest. At 7 pm, Niranthara Foundation performs the play **'Saayo Aata'** which is penned by Jnanpith awardee Da.Ra. Bendre and directed by B.K. Kiran and K.Y. Guruprasad.

On March 26 at 6.30 pm, Indira Nair, veteran theatre artiste and Sudesh Doddapalya, senior journalist, will be the chief guests. Same day at 7 pm, Shivamogga Rangayana will perform Rajappa Dalavayi's play **'We the people of India'** directed by K.L. Laxman.

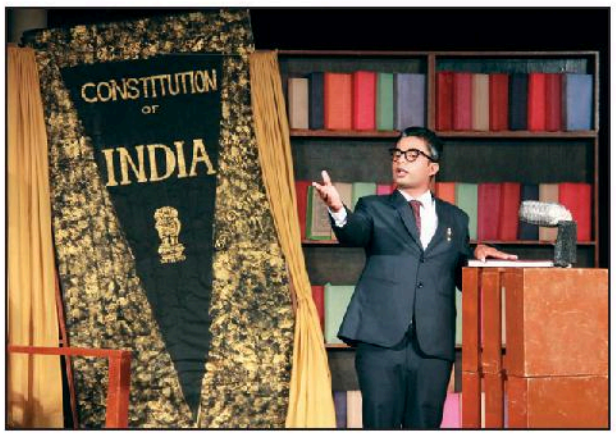
The valedictory ceremony will be held with folklore performance Dollu Kunita on March 27 at 5.30 pm. Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Senior Rangayana artiste S. Ramanath, Hongalli Gangadhar of Hasiru Foundation, Bengaluru and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Mysuru will be the guests on the occasion.

Same day, Udupi Rangabhoomi team will perform Mounesh Badiger's **'Vee.Sham.Ke'** directed by Manjunath L. Badiger.

A scene from the play 'Varasudaara.'

'Maayaa Bete'

'Saayo Aata'



'We the people of India'

'Vee.Sham.Ke'

WORD OF THE DAY

Uncouth

Pronunciation: un-KOOTH.
Meaning: Uncouth means "behaving in a rude way" or "not polite or socially acceptable."
Origin: Uncouth comes from Old English cūth, meaning "familiar" or "known," prefixed by un-, giving the meaning "unfamiliar." How did a word that meant "unfamiliar" come to mean "outlandish," "rugged," or "rude"? Some examples from literature illustrate that the transition happened quite naturally. In Captain Singleton, Daniel Defoe refers to "a strange noise more uncouth than any they had ever heard." In William Shakespeare's As You Like It, Orlando tells Adam, "If this uncouth forest yield anything savage, I will either be food for it or bring it for food to thee." In Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Ichabod Crane fears "to look over his shoulder, lest he should behold some uncouth being tramping close behind him!" So, that which is unfamiliar is often perceived as strange, wild, or unpleasant. Meanings such as "outlandish," "rugged," or "rude" naturally follow.
Example: "The Senate president had the power to call the vote at any time and end debate, but custom, courtesy, and precedent prevented such an uncouth step." — The Journal-Advocate.

THE ODD WORD

Uakari

Short-tailed, long-haired monkey.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under the weather

Meaning: The phrase 'Under the Weather' is used when you're not feeling good.
Origin: Not surprisingly, the origin of the idiom 'under the weather' can be traced back to maritime sources. In the old days, sailors who weren't feeling well were often sent below deck, so they could get out of the weather. The term we use today has been shortened though; originally, the idiom was 'under the weather bow' which is the side of ship from which the bad weather is coming.
Example: "I don't feel like hanging out today. I'm feeling a bit under the weather."

QUOTE BOX

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

T_RN

Answer: No U turn.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Leave a ___ : injure or hurt in a way that the ill-will remains?
5 Belonging to that girl?
9 Karl Marx's ___ Kapital
12 Name of a flower or of a girl
13 Hanker
14 Ind. Med. Assoc.
15 Greek peak
16 Popular social networking site
18 Ankle bones
20 Very strange
21 Pleasantly overweight
22 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
23 Fluid lubricant
24 Tiny particle
27 Bone of the forearm
31 Expose flax or hemp to moisture?
32 Steam bath
34 Ever, poetically contracted
35 Formerly, once
37 Baby bed
38 A ___ lot : very little?
39 A head covering
41 Feline
43 Arab sheikhdom
46 Extension (3-2)
47 Revolt, rebellion or mutiny
50 Avenged
52 Suffix with expert
53 ___ upon a time...: a fairy tale beginning?
54 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
55 Popular TV network
56 In brief, sergeants & corporals
57 Irish

DOWN
1 Sellout sign: abbr.
2 Dearer in price
3 Attacks or assails
4 Supply new weapons
5 High-fidelity sound reproduction (2-2)
6 Greek vowel
7 Reinforced cement concrete, in short
8 Diaphanous
9 Fashion name: Christian ___
10 Mine, in Aix
11 For heaven's __ : exclamation of dismay or annoyance?
17 Sweetheart
19 Mineral spring resorts
21 Opening in the skin
22 Ever present as a prefix
25 Diplomacy
26 Belonging to us
28 Remnant
29 Tidiness
30 Showily pretentious
33 Alphabetical start
36 Bangkok man
40 Criminal fire-raising
42 Rolling in the Deep singer
43 Test of knowledge
44 A recess in a church
45 You may trace your family through it
46 Periods of time
48 Incorporated, in short
49 GI with stripes
51 Maiden name prefix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

V	A	M	P	■	A	D	O	S	■	M	A	X
S	C	A	R	■	G	R	U	E	S	O	M	E
O	E	N	E	■	R	E	D	D	E	N	E	D
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P	R	I	N	T	■	E	T	E	■	O	B	E
S	E	N	T	■	B	B	C	■	M	L	L	E
S	S	C	■	C	U	B	■	D	O	Y	E	N
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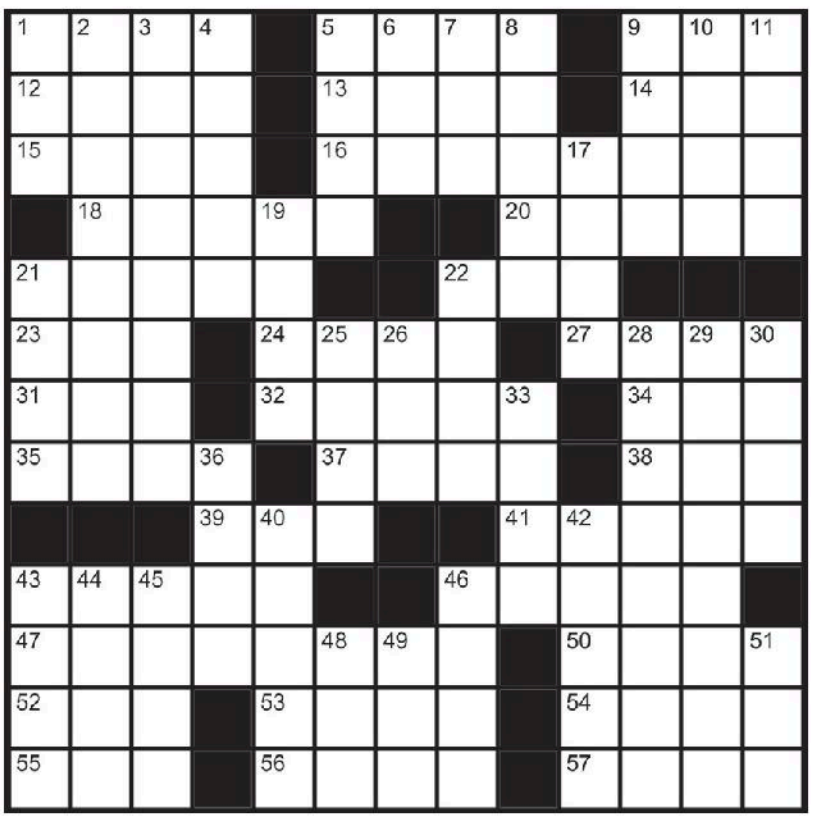

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	8			5		4		
4		7	9					
	2	9		8				
	5	4	1					
3				2				9
					3	5	1	
				6		9	8	
					9	2		7
		1		4			6	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	3	4	1	5	9	7	2
5	1	4	9	7	2	8	3	6
7	2	9	8	3	6	5	4	1
3	7	2	1	8	9	4	6	5
1	4	5	2	6	3	7	8	9
6	9	8	7	5	4	2	1	3
9	5	6	3	4	8	1	2	7
4	3	1	5	2	7	6	9	8
2	8	7	6	9	1	3	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VC JVD VCIRUXUCI RI BDU DBOH ODIU,

PAU LROCI SZDL UVC BCWU CWRU.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who lives without folly isn't so wise as he thinks.

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	(S-4)	3.55 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm; (S-3) 1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Oruthi (Ma)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Ambulance (E)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.05 am
Bachan Paandey (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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	(S-4)	11.15 pm, 2.30 pm, 5.45 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 2.05 pm 5.40 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	12.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Bachan Paandey (H)	(S-3)	9.20 am, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 pm

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Bachchhan Paandey (H)	:	8.40 am, 11.50 am, 3.00 pm 6.10 pm, 9.20 pm
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Radhe Shyam (Te)	:	7.05 pm

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James (K)	:	9.05 am, 9.20 am, 11.50 am 12.15 pm, 12.30 pm, 03.25 pm 3.40 pm, 6.10 pm, 6.35 pm 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Bachchhan Paandey (H)	:	3.00 pm, 9.20 pm

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James (K)	:	10.00 am, 10.55 am, 12.30 pm 2.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.30 pm 7 pm, 9.40 pm, 9.55 pm, 10 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.00 pm 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Bachchhan Paandey (H)	:	1.00 pm, 3.55 pm, 7.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Wins medal in Biathlon

Bhavani Thekkada Nanjunda from Kodagu district has won two silver medals in 10-km and 5-km race in the National Winter Biathlon Championships-2022 being held at Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir. For the first time in the history, an athlete from South India has won a national medal in winter biathlon competition. Bhavani is seen receiving the prize from one of the dignitaries during the presentation ceremony. (Biathlon is a combination of shooting and cross country skiing.)

MyBuild21 in city from Mar. 24

BAI Mysore Chairman (2021-22) K. Ajith Narayan addressing the press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday as MyBuild21 Chairman K. Sathish Mohan, BAI Mysore Hon. Secretary (2021-22) A.S. Yoganarasimha and MyBuild21 Hon. Secretary M.D. Chandrashekar look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 22 (MTY& BNR)- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, has organised the 21st edition of MyBuild21, a grand exhibition of construction materials, equipment, state-of-the-art technologies and the latest in Real Estate in aid of Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust, at Maharaja's College Grounds in city from March 24 to March 28.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, MyBuild21 Chairman K. Sathish Mohan said that the expo, which creates awareness on new innovations, will be inaugurated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at 11 am on Mar. 24.

The 5-day exhibition this year also features solar equipment, electrical equipment, building construction machines, methods of water conservation, new types of floor tiles, decorative materials for kitchens and bathrooms, special roof materials, outdoor tiles, variety of colours and materials.

The expo, which will be open to public between 10 am and 9 pm, will conclude on Mar. 27.

It features entertainment programmes between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm. 'Talents of MYBUILD,' a skit and dance competition will be also held at the MyBuild venue.

Valedictory of the event will be held at 5 pm on Mar. 28 with Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath as the chief guest. For details, contact Mob: 99007-91777 or 94480-49242, said Sathish Mohan.

BAI Mysore Chairman (2021-22) K. Ajith Narayan, who too spoke, said that at the expo, one can find all the materials required for building construction under one roof with discounts.

BAI Mysore Hon. Secretary (2021-22) A.S. Yoganarasimha and MyBuild21 Hon. Secretary M.D. Chandrashekar were present at the press meet.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 22)

- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Kannada & Culture Department and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsav (National Theatre Festival), Karnataka Nataka Academy former Chairman Srinivas G. Kapanna inaugurates, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and renowned theatre person, film director and actor Rajendra Karanth will be present, 6.30 pm; Staging of Kannada play 'Amma Mathu Suhail' by The Mahi Theatre, Bengaluru (Playwright and Direction: Karthik Hebbar), Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Department of Kannada & Culture, Mysuru and Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited:** 'Dharege Doddavara Utsava-3' — night-long Manteswamy Kathana Kavya Jugalbandi, Kalamandira, **6 pm to 6 am (Mar. 23).**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 23)

- **Samridhi:** Designers Exhibition — Clothes, jewellery, bags and accessories, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru and Kannada & Cultural Directorate, Bengaluru:** Niranthara Theatre Festival 2021-22, popular Kannada poet H.S. Shivaprakash inaugurates, 'Puja Kunita' performance, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited Managing Director Manoj Kumar and Income Tax Department Commissioner Jayaram Raipur and Theatre Director Prasad Kundoor chief guests, staging of Kannada play 'Varasudaara' penned by Jayaram Raipur, directed by Prasad Kundoor, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Kannada & Culture Department and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsav (National Theatre Festival), staging of Kannada play 'Mallige Thotadalli Murder' by Abhiyentararu, Mysuru (Playwright and Direction: Rajendra Karanth), Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

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